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Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"Did she not say that she would accept it, if it was sent through her husband who had tied the *tali?*"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I think there was some such suggestion. The husband said that he would not be a party to it."

Alleged beating of certain persons in the lock-up by the Police of Bezwada.

* 93 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Police of Bezwada beat the following persons in the lock-up in Bezwada:—

(i) Bheemavarapu Ramachandra Rao, in the second week of January 1932 in the Town Police lock-up so severely that he vomitted blood;

(ii) Nikkalapudi Shivaramakrishnayya of Kummamoor on 18th January 1932 in Bezwada Town Police station;

(iii) on 27th April 1932, Mr. Nadella Kutumbaya of Katur who picketed post office, in the Bezwada Town Police lock-up; and

(iv) on 29th April 1932 Mr. Yellapeddi Subrahmanyam who distributed pamphlets in Court was beaten in the Town Police station by the sergeant and sub-inspector for refusing to reveal Congress secrets and was forced to sign some papers?

A.—The Government have no reason to suppose that the persons mentioned were ill-treated in Police custody in the manner indicated; nor are they aware of any complaints of ill-treatment preferred by these persons at the time of the alleged occurrences.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know whether the leading advocates of Bezwada have not made a statement containing all these allegations against the Police?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I have not yet seen it."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"Have not the Government perused the statement of the leading advocates of Bezwada, which was published in the various newspapers?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I have not received any communication as far as I remember. As the matter occurred in January I thought that no useful purpose would be served by asking for information. But, if the hon. Member thinks that I should consult the District Magistrate, I shall do so."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"I think it will be better."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"Government say they have no reason to suppose that the persons mentioned were ill-treated in Police custody. May I know whether they made any enquiry before they came to this conclusion?"

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"We made no enquiries. But if there was any such thing, we would have surely heard of it. Hon. Members would have put some questions about it even earlier."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"What is the meaning of the Government saying they have no reason to suppose that the volunteers were ill-treated?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"I have already answered that."

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—"Did the Government find out whether there was any truth in the allegations of the leading advocates of Bezwada?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"I shall examine the question."

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Police

Expenditure on feeding the Police on account of the civil disobedience movement.

* 94 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total expenditure incurred on feeding the Police in the province on account of the civil disobedience movement up to and since the end of March 1932, respectively; and

(*b*) whether the Police concerned were not paid their usual batta and allowance during the time they were fed by the Government; and, if they were not, the amount so saved in batta and allowance?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not got the requisite information, but have called for it.

Forest

Withdrawal of grazing privilege in the Reserve Forests in South Kanara.

* 95 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Collector has stopped the privilege of allowing the cattle to graze in reserve forests in the districts of South Kanara since 1st June 1932;

(*b*) whether the people of Todikana village and other places filed petitions against the said order of the Collector, to the Collector; if so, whether the hon. Member will be pleased to lay the same on the table of the House; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken on the same or propose to take?